AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT,

For a Bill ordered to be ſent to the KINGS MAIESTY, to be tranſmitted under the great Seale of *England*.

CONCERNING

The qualifications of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, who ſhall be admitted to ſit in Parliament for this Kingdome of IRELAND. And for disbanding of thoſe who refuſe to take the Oath.

THis Ordinance of the Houſe of Commons (*in Parliament aſſembled*) *is Printed and Publiſhed according to* ORDER.

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SUTRO

AN ORDINANCE of the COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT, for a Bill ordered to be sent to the Kings Majesty; to be transmitted under the great Seale of *England*, &c.

THis house taking into serious consideration the lamentable condition of this Kingdome at this present, in a manner wholly wasted, and brought to utter ruine and desolation, by the im-

pious and wicked conſpiracies and practices of many of the Popiſh Profeſſion.

And ſeeing plainly that the Rebellion was begun under the pretence and colour of Religion, tendeth to the deſtruction of the Kings Majeſty, his heires and ſucceſſours, to draw the Subjects of this Realme, from the ſubjection and allegiance, which by the Lawes of God and nature, they owe unto his Sacred Majeſty, and the Crowne of England.

And for as much as many the Members of this houſe betraying the truſt repoſed in them, by the Common wealth, have traterouſly ſhewed themſelves prime conſpiratours, and actors in this horrid Rebellion.

For the avoiding therefore of ſuch hurts, perills, diſhonours, and inconveniences as at preſent, and hereafter His Majeſty, and this Kingdome do and may ſuffer by reaſon of the ſaid Rebellion, ſtirred up and fomented by thoſe; who depend upon the jurisdiction and power, of the Sea of Roome, unjuſtly claimed and uſurped within this Realme; and alſo of the dangers by the favourers of the ſaid uſurped power, of whom ſo many are at this time appearing in open

Rebellion

Rebellion now acting ſuch unpareled Cruelties, and unheard of bloody inhumanities towards the Brittiſh, and Proteſtants of this Kingdome.

It is on the conſiderations aforeſaid ordered, and ordained, that any perſon that heretofore hath been elected, and now is a Knight, Citizen, or Burgeſſe for this preſent Parliament, and now preſent ſhall be no longer deemed a Member of this Houſe, or have any voice therein, unleſſe he ſhall forthwith openly in this houſe accept, and take the oath expreſſed, and forthwith in one Act made in this Kingdome, in the ſecond yeare of Queene ELIZABETH of famous memory, entituled an Act reſtoring to the Crowne the antient jurisdiction over the State Eccleſiaſticall, and ſpirituall, and aboliſhing the forraigne power repugnant to the ſame according to the tenor and effect hereafter following, that is to ſay.

I. A. B. do utterly teſtifie and declare in my conſcience that the Kings Highneſſe is the onely ſupreame Governour of this Realme, and of all other His Highneſſe Dominions, and Countries, as well in all ſpirituall or Eccleſiaſticall things or Cauſes, as temporall, and that no forraigne Prince Perſon, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, ſuperiority, preheminence,

preheminence, or authority, Ecclesiasticall, or spirituall within this Realme. And therefore I do utterly renounce and forsake all forraigne jurisdictions, powers, superiorities, and authorities, and promise, that from henceforth I shall beare faith and true allegiance to the Kings Highnesse, his Heires and successours, and to my power shall assist and defend all jurisdictions, priviledges, preheminencies, and authorities granted, or belonging to the Kings Highnesse, his Highnesse, his Heires, and Successours; or united and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme.

So helpe mee God by the Contents of this booke.

And it is further ordered, and ordained, that all other the Members of this house, who are now absent, and have no hand in the said Rebellion, and every other person which hereafter shall be elected a Knight, Citizen, or Burgesse for this Parliament, or for any other Parliament or Parliments, hereafter to be houlden within this Realme, shall from henceforth before he shal enter into the Parliament House, or have any voice there, openly accept and take the said Oath before the Lord Chancellour, or Lord Keeper of the great Seale of this Kingdome for the time being, or in his absence before the Lord chiefe Justice, of His Majesties

jeſties Court of Chief-Place, or the Lord Chiefe Juſtice of His Majeſties Court of Common-Pleas, or the Lord Chiefe Barren of His Majeſties Court of Exchequer, for the time being, or ſuch other perſon or perſons of His Majeſties privy Councel, or of his Majeſties Judges of this Kingdome, as ſhall be authoriſed to miniſter the ſaid Oath.

And that he which ſhall for the preſent continue in, or hereafter enter into the Parliament-Houſe, without taking the ſaid oath, ſhall be deemed no Knight, Citizen, or Burgeſſe for this preſent, or any other Parliament or Parliaments to be hereafter, nor have any voice therein; but ſhall be to all intents, conſtumations and purpoſes as if he had never been returned, nor elected Knight, Citizen, or Burgeſſe for the preſent nor any other ſucceeding Parliament, and ſhall ſuffer ſuch paines and penalties, as if he had preſumed to ſit in the ſame without relation, returne, or Authority.

And it is alſo ordered and ordained that the Committee under named, Sir *Paul Davis* Knight, Mr. *Recor-*

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der of *Dublin*, Mr. *Recorder* of *Drogheda*, Mr. *Roger Brereton*, Mr. *Anthony Dopping*, Mr. *Stephen Stephens*, ſhall attend the Right Honourable the Lord Juſtices of this Kingdome, and humbly move their Lordſhips in the name of this Houſe, that a bill be drawn to the effect of the order with ſuch additions, alterations, and inlargements as ſhall be thought fitting to be tranſmitted into *England*, under His Maieſties great Seale, and to be thence returned into the Kingdome, to be paſſed as a Law; To which end the ſaid Committee are forthwith to draw a draught of the ſaid Bill, and to preſent the ſame unto the ſaid Lord Juſtices.

Copia vera ex. 16.41.

Per phil Ferneles, Cler: Parl: Dom: Com:

FINIS.